

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is submitted responsive to the Official Action mailed October 19, 2004. Reconsideration of the application in light of the accompanying remarks and amendments is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 1-22 have been cancelled without prejudice and rewritten as new claims 23-51. These claims are believed to clearly highlight the novel and unobvious features of the present invention, and are therefore submitted to be allowable over the art of record.

Specifically, each of independent claims 23 and 31 call for the cleaning bodies to be made of material which maintains the contact surface at temperatures in excess of 120C. This is a critical distinction as compared to the art of record, wherein the taught materials, intended for far less harsh use conditions, would decompose at such temperatures.

The Examiner has rejected the initial independent claims stating that while Echols is silent as to the temperature and crude oil resistance of the cleaning bodies, Hargett teaches same. It is respectfully submitted that Hargett is drawn to a strikingly different field of endeavor, and would not properly be combined with the teachings of Echols. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The dependent claims are believed to further set forth patentability, and are also submitted to be allowable based upon their dependency from independent claims 23 and 31.

The indication of patentable subject matter of original dependent claim 19 is acknowledged with thanks, and this claim is presented herein as claim 47.

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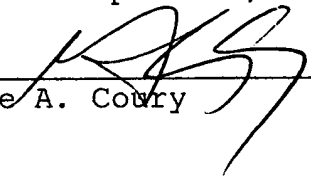
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